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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (39 pages).
- ☒ Formal drawings (14 sheets, Figures 1-16).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.

- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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I, Tetsu Tanabe, a citizen of Japan residing at 7-13-18 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan hereby declare:

1. I am well acquainted with the Japanese and English languages.
2. That to the best of my knowledge and belief the following is a true translation by me of the Japanese language specification and claims filed on February 22, 2001 as U.S. Patent Application, Serial No.09/789,699, entitled "SURFACE INSPECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD".
3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the captioned application or any patent issuing thereon.



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